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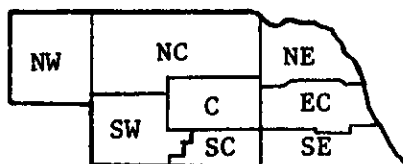
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WEATHER

Precipitation occurred over most of the State in the form of scattered showers. Amounts averaged from about a quarter of an inch to a half inch. Norfolk and the northeast had amounts over an inch. South central Nebraska had only trace amounts. Temperatures were 2 to 5 degrees above normal with Indian summer days.

GENERAL

Another week of mostly dry weather and above normal temperatures allowed farmers to make rapid progress in harvesting sorghum and for most soybean combining to be completed. Moisture received late in the week will be beneficial to the State's wheat crop. An average of 6.5 days were suitable for fieldwork.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated as adequate in 14% of the counties and short in 86%. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated as 22% adequate and 78% short. A year ago, topsoil moisture supplies were rated as 16% adequate and 84% short. Subsoil moisture was rated 31% adequate and 69% short.

Supplies of diesel fuel and gasoline were rated as 95% adequate and 5% tight. LP gas supplies were rated as 100% adequate.

CROPS

Harvesting of the State's corn crop was 35% completed compared with 55% a year earlier and 45% normal. Harvesting of most early maturing varieties has been completed, while much of the later maturing corn still has high moisture content.

Sorghum harvesting made rapid progress as 60% was completed compared with 70% last year and 65% normal.

Soybeans were 95% harvested, well ahead of last year's 85% and normal of 75%.

Winter wheat was rated poor to fair in 88% of the counties and good in only 12%. Most of the crop has shown little growth and has been under dry weather stress for the last few weeks. However, moisture received over the weekend will help improve crop growth and condition.

The sugar beet harvest in western Nebraska was over half completed.

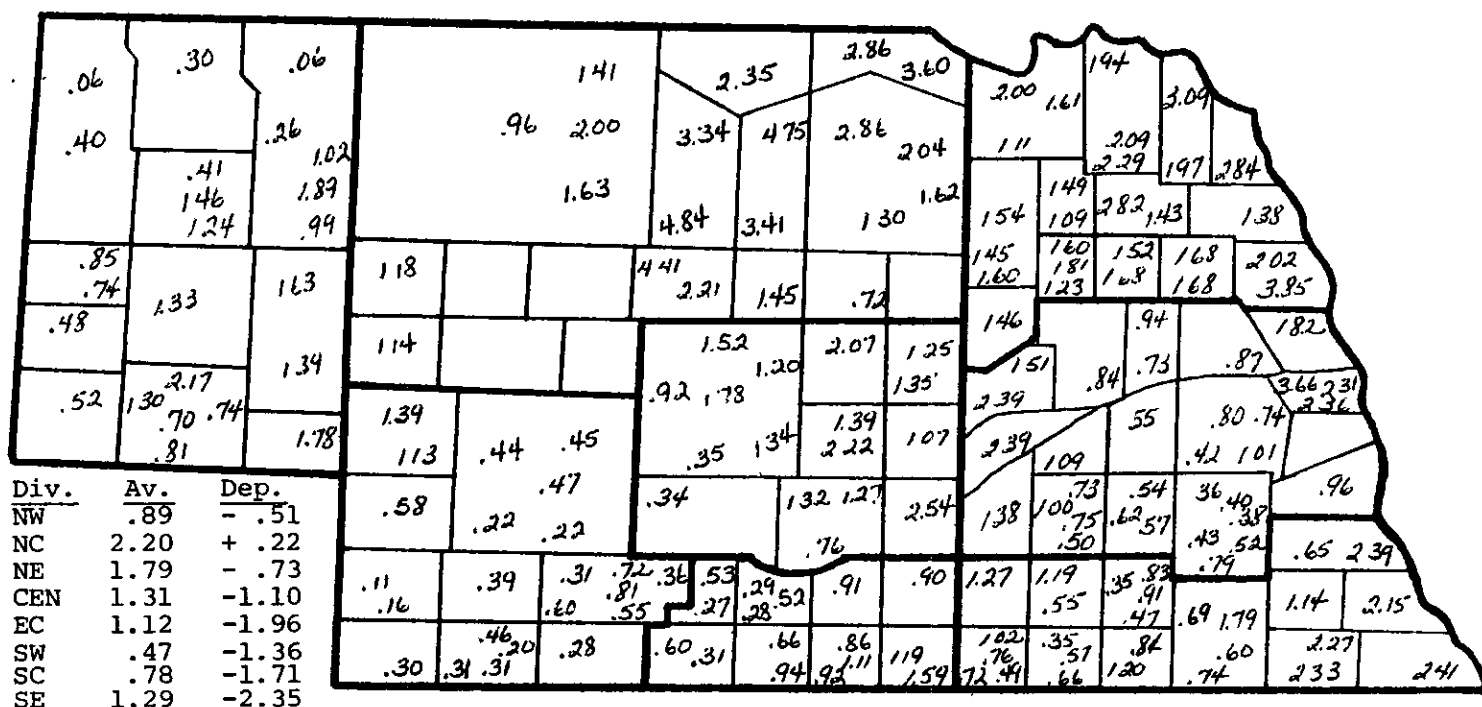
LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies were rated as surplus in 3% of the counties, adequate in 49%, and short in 48%. Cattle continue to be turned into stalk fields and calves are moving to market. Dry conditions have resulted in dust-related problems in many feedlots.

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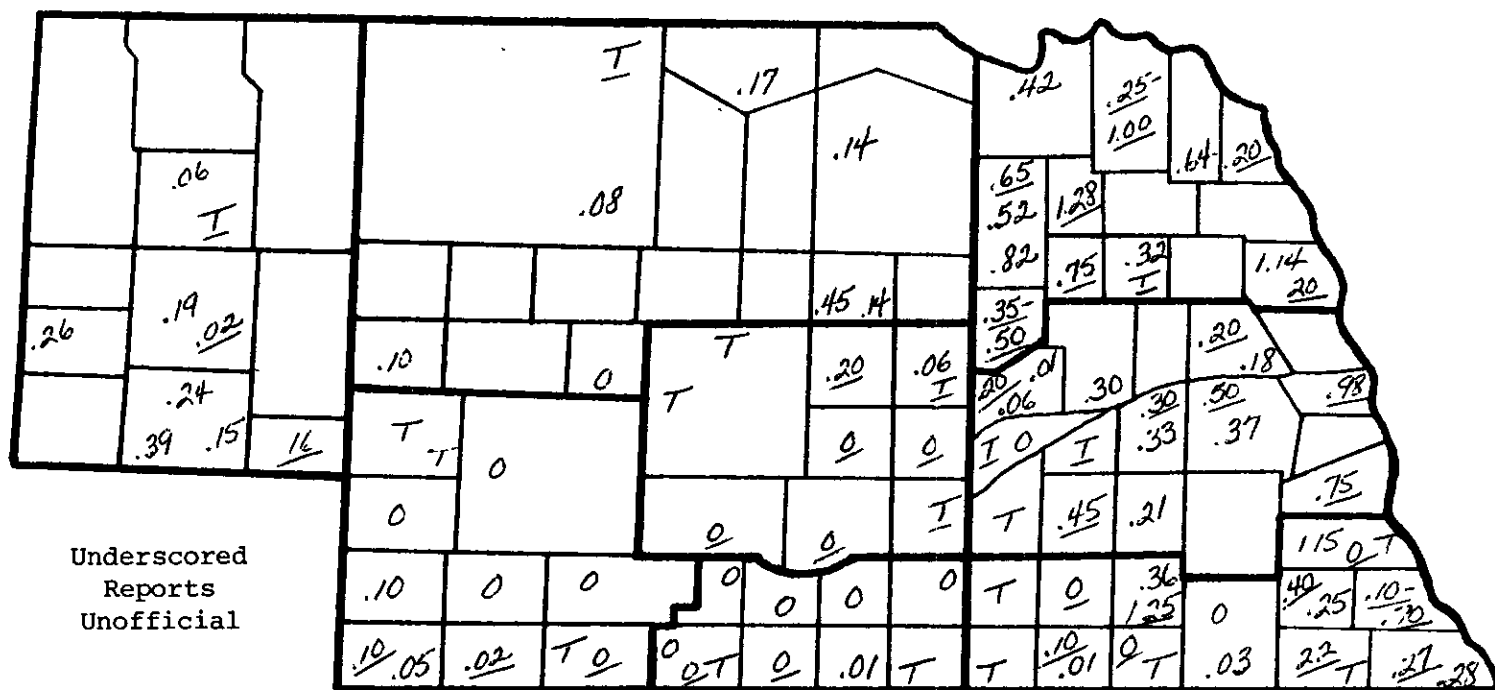
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1979 1/



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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1979



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1979

Station		Temperature			Precipitation
		Extremes		Departure	Total Inches 1/
		Max	Min		
NW	Chadron	81	30	52	-.21
	Scottsbluff	80	39	55	.69
	Sidney	77	36	52	1.09
NC	Burwell	80	30	52	.50
	Valentine	83	28	49	.42
NE	Norfolk	74	40	54	1.46
	Sioux City	73	39	55	.18
CEN	Grand Island	77	34	56	.01
EC	Lincoln	81	41	60	.38
	Omaha	73	44	59	.18
SW	Imperial	83	31	56	.11
	North Platte	86	32	55	.94

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.